TARENTUM BOROUGH ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2017

6:00 Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDING: Erika Josefoski, Carrie Fox, Adam Blythe, Eric Carter, Tim Cornuet, Solicitor Regoli

Absent: Greg Schmitt, Rhonda Dzugan, Mayor Magnetta, Chief Vakulick

Eric Carter reported that there was an Executive Session, December 11 and prior to this Council Meeting, to discuss contract negotiations.

Motion by Tim Cornuet second by Adam Blythe to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2017 meeting. Motion carried

Motion by Erika Josefoski second by Adam Blyther to pay December bill Roll call 5 yes 0 nay 2 absent

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

1. Lori Wildi asked if the public can get a copy of regular minutes. Solicitor Regoli told her that yes, the public can get a copy of the minutes after they are approved at a regular meeting.

ADMINISTRATION, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 1. Motion by Ericka Josefoski second by Tim Cornuet to approve the amendment to the police pension plan to allow for the buy-back of military time for a specified period of time. Roll Call 5 yes 0 nay 2 absent
- 2. Motion by Erica Josefoski second by Adam Blythe to appoint Mark Anuszek as the Emergency Management Coordinator, beginning January 1, 2018 Roll Call 5 yes 0 nay 2 absent
- 3. Motion by Erika Josefoski second by Carrie Fox to approve resolution for the Dept of Transportation to provide 75% reimbursement to the Borough in connection with the 4th Ave Bridge Project Roll Call 5 yes 0 nay 2 absent
- 4. Motion by Erika Josefoski second by Adam Blythe to approve the contract with Hoffman Kennel for 2018. Carrie Fox asked if there was a change in the fees. There is no difference in fees. Roll Call 5 yes 0 nay 2 absent
- 5. Motion by Erika Josefoski second by Carrie Fox to approve contract with Mr. John for 2018 5 ves 0
- 6. Discussion regarding the 2018 proposed budget
 - 1. Increase in Business Privilege Tax from \$25 to \$35 per year
 - 2. Increase in water rates from \$18.14 to \$25.00 for use up to 2,000
 - 3. Increase in garbage rates from \$17 to \$20 per month

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- 4. Conferences were trimmed down from \$9,000 to \$6,000. A discussion was held regarding the costs of the conferences
- 5. The new manager has asked to eliminate the cell phone and meals line items from the budget
- 6. The govpilot program is not a 5 year contract it is a 3 year contract at \$10,000 a year
- 7. The Recreation Board was asked if they had met to discuss their budget for 2018. Carrie Fox agave a list of activities for the year that they will need the \$9,000 budgeted amount for. Erika Josefoski asked since there is an excess from last year do they still need the \$9,000 and Rec Board has not turned over a "wish list" for 2018. A discussion was held and Adam Blythe recommended the Rec Board received the \$9,000 but to remove the additional \$2,000 under Donations to the Rec Board from the Electric Fund be eliminated
- 8. Eureka contributions were made equal to the other two fire departments, all three department will receive \$12,500
- 9. Carrie Fox questioned the classes for CEO Fabec for commercial certification. She asked Chris if he was up for the extra classes and testing. He said he is. Solicitor Regoli asked if commercial inspectors are bonded and insured. Erika Josefoski stated she spoke to David Gusmar, Borough insurance carrier and he stated it wasn't an issue

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BUDGET

- 1. Lori Wildi asked the cost of the CEO training. The classes are \$395 each and there are 4 classes
- 2. George Emmerick asked if the Rec Board can go out of their own, Carrie Fox informed him, no they are still under the council
- 3. Lori Wildi asked if other departments purchase things like cameras, monitors etc like the Rec Board does? Solicitor Regoli explained that those purchases by the Rec Board were to protect assets at the park.
- 7. Motion by Erika Josefoski second by Adam Blythe to advertise the proposed 2018 budget Roll Call 5 yes 0 nay 2 absent
- 8. Motion by Tim Cornuet second by Adam Blythe to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 There will be a Special Council meeting Friday, December 29, 2017 at 6:00 to pass the 2018 Budget

Respectfully Submitted,

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